HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Jean-Paul FAURE et al.

Application No.: 09/982,538

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

May 2, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for two month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 4, 2002 from March 4, 2003 to May 4,

Please find attached a check in the amount of Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$410.00) to cover the fee for discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to Attorney Docket number 103120-00026.

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